



**Limited Protocol
Long Term Care Facilities
(CRNP)**

Practice Settings: Long Term Care Facilities Licensed by the Alabama Department of Public Health

Eligible Certifications: Adult Acute Care, Adult Care, Family, Gerontology, Adult-Gerontology Acute Care, and Adult-Gerontology Primary Care

Clinical model: Utilization of CRNPs to care for Medicare- and Medicaid-eligible residents in long term care facilities.

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requirements that discourage hospital admissions increase the demand for CRNP hours worked in long term care facilities. These facilities are subject to broad oversight, pursuant to various regulations relating to:

- Collaborating and/or Covering Physicians
- Medicare Advantage Plans
- Pharmaceutical Services
- Infection Control
- Dietary Services
- The Alabama Department of Public Health
- CMS

Core Duties and Scope of Practice Specific to this Limited Protocol:

- A. Arrange inpatient admissions, transfers, and discharges in accordance with established guidelines/standards developed within the collaborative practice; perform rounds and record appropriate patient progress notes; compile detailed narrative and case summaries; complete forms pertinent to patients' medical records.
- B. Perform complete, detailed, and accurate health histories, review patient records, develop comprehensive medical and nursing status reports, and order laboratory, radiological, and diagnostic studies appropriate for the complaint, age, race, sex, and physical condition of the patient.
- C. Perform comprehensive physical examinations and assessments.
- D. Formulate medical and nursing diagnoses and institute therapy or referrals of patients to the appropriate health care facilities and/or agencies; and other resources of the community or physician.
- E. Plan and initiate a therapeutic regimen, which includes ordering legend drugs, medical devices, nutrition, and supportive services in accordance with established protocols and institutional policies.
- F. Institute emergency measures and emergency treatment or appropriate stabilization measures in situations such as cardiac arrest, shock, hemorrhage, convulsions, poisoning, and allergic reactions. In emergencies, initiate mechanical ventilatory support and breathing, if indicated.
- G. Interpret and analyze patient data and results of laboratory and diagnostic tests.
- H. Provide instructions and guidance regarding health care and health care promotion to patients, family and significant others.

Limitations: The collaborative practice agreement must identify at least one covering physician.

Full-time equivalent (FTE) Exemption: The collaborating physician is authorized a cumulative nine FTEs (360 hours week).

Requirements:

1. Standard Protocol and Limited Protocol - Long Term Care Facilities, signed by the CRNP/CNM and collaborating physician and on file with ABN.
2. Quality Management Plan is signed by CRNP and collaborating physician and is on file with ABN.

TO BE COMPLETED BY CRNP/MD

THE FOLLOWING FIELDS ARE REQUIRED. INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED.

Patient Referral Process [for physicians other than collaborating MD (610-X-5-.09(f))]

Emergency Plan [pre-determined plan for emergencies (610-X-5-.09(e))]

Attestation: We hereby certify under penalty of law of the State of Alabama that the foregoing information in this is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. We understand that we are jointly and individually responsible for complying with the rules and regulations pertaining to CRNP and the collaborative practice of CRNP with physicians.

Print Collaborating Physician Name

Original Signature of Collaborating Physician

Date

Print Name of CRNP

Original Signature of CRNP

Date

Note: This protocol is to be on file with the ABN and a copy of this protocol should be on file at the practice site.

Return the completed, signed form via email to advancedpractice@abn.alabama.gov or fax it to 334.293.5201.